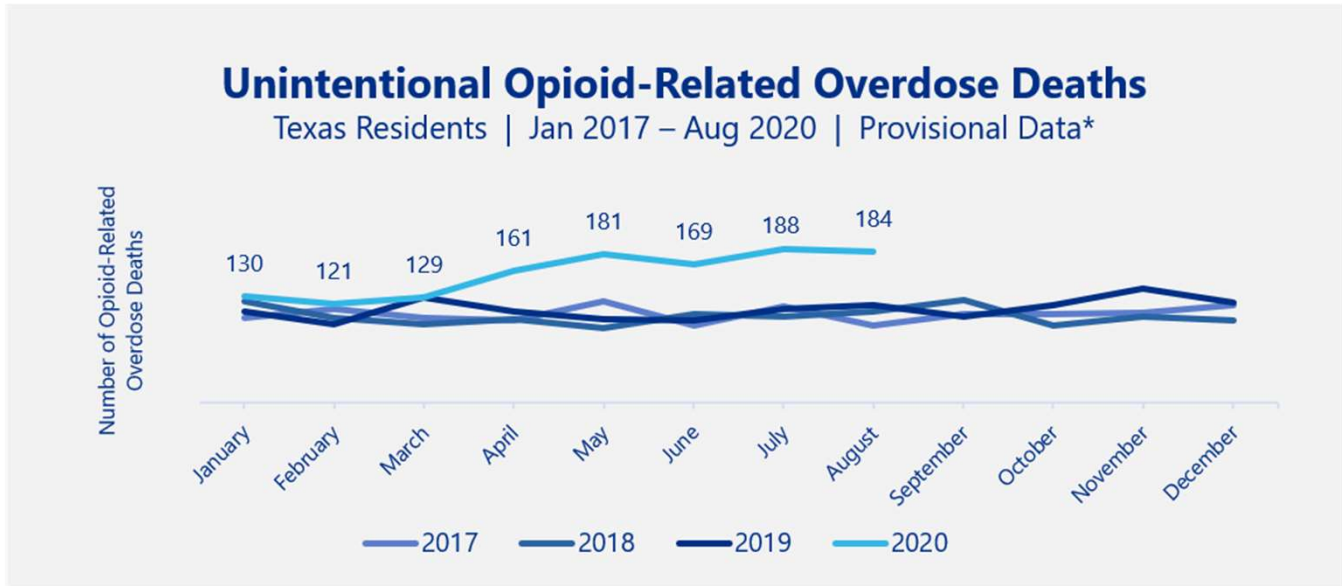


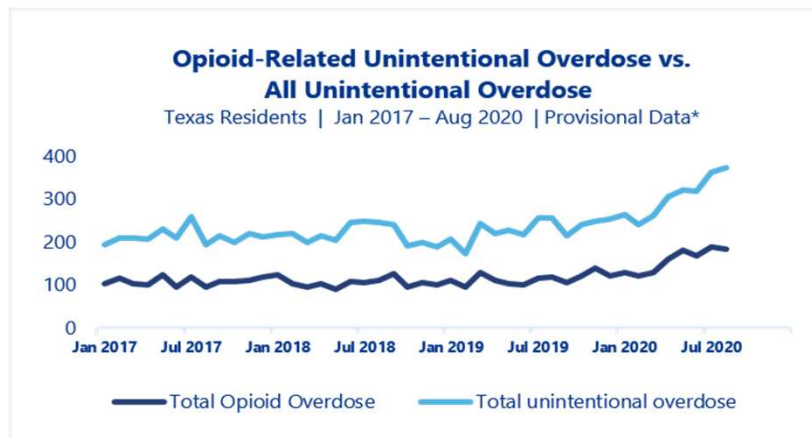
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# Opioid Overdose Deaths Rising in Texas



## Texas has seen increases in overdose deaths, including opioid-related overdoses, during the COVID-19 pandemic.

- The average number of deaths per month has risen from 114 in 2019 to 157 deaths per month in the first eight months of 2020.
- Comparing year-over-year in the above figure, the increase is most apparent beginning in April 2020.
- Since 2017, opioids have been involved with about 50% of all unintentional overdose deaths.



Data Source: Texas Death Certificate Data  
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Total Unintentional Overdose Deaths of Texas Residents include persons with underlying causes-of-death X40-X44: Unintentional Poisonings. These ICD-10 codes include accidental overdose of drug, wrong drug given or taken in error, drug taken inadvertently; accidents in the use of drugs; accidental poisoning by unspecified drugs, medicaments, and biological substances (ICD-10 Mortality, Chapter XX).

Total Opioid-Related Unintentional Deaths of Texas Residents include persons with underlying causes-of-death X40-X44: Unintentional Poisoning (see above) along with ICD-10 codes for Opioids: T40.0 Opium, T40.1 Heroin, T40.2 Other opioids, T40.3 Methadone, T40.4 Other synthetic narcotics, T40.6 Other and Unspecified Narcotics.  
\*Data for 2018, 2019, and 2020 are **provisional**. Provisional statistics are tabulated based on data that are not yet edited and may be incomplete. **Provided data are subject to change before data are finalized.**

## INTENDED RECIPIENTS

This resource is intended for a variety of individuals and organizations, such as community members, substance use and harm reduction coalitions, first responders, health care providers, and recovery support providers.

The information can be used to inform programs and services to reduce opioid-related deaths in Texas. In addition, the information can be used to access statewide resources, such as opioid overdose reversal medication and training.

## RESOURCES IN TEXAS

Free opioid overdose reversal medication  
[MoreNarcanPlease.com](https://www.morenarcanplease.com)

Free overdose prevention and education training  
[KeepLearning.uthscsa.edu/Overdose-Prevention-Education-Training](https://keeplearning.uthscsa.edu/Overdose-Prevention-Education-Training)

Information on the Texas Prescription Monitoring Program and free CME training  
[TxPMP.org](https://txpmp.org)

Additional opioid-related data  
[HealthData.dshs.texas.gov](https://healthdata.dshs.texas.gov)

Additional resources  
[TxOpioidResponse.org](https://txopioidresponse.org)